

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant: §  
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DAVID A. MONROE §  
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Filed: August 10, 1999 § Art Unit: 2624  
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Serial No.: 09/374,136 § Examiner: Patel, Kanjibhai B  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS § Docket No.: 07-0196  
FOR SENDING AND §  
RECEIVING FACSIMILE §  
TRANSMISSION OVER A NON- §  
TELEPHONIC TRANSMISSION §  
SYSTEM §

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Continuation Application filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.53(b)(1), which claims the benefit under 35 USC §120 of previously filed nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/374,136. This Preliminary Amendment includes the specific reference to the previously filed application required under 35 USC §120. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before examination of this continuation application. In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.16, this amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully submits that upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the application is in condition for examination.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.